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As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; that

We verily believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **METHOD OF ADAPTIVE SIGNAL DEGRADATION COMPENSATION** (Docket No. GOW 0075 PA), described and claimed

 X in the attached specification;
 in the specification filed , as U.S. Application Serial
No. , and as amended .

We hereby authorize the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) appointed herein to indicate above whether the invention is described and claimed in an attached specification and to provide the Filing Date and Serial No. of the corresponding U.S. Application, if previously filed.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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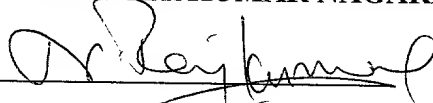
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